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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AN INFLATABLE CUSHION

and invented by:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 27 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
 - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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- b. ☒ Informal Number of Sheets 8
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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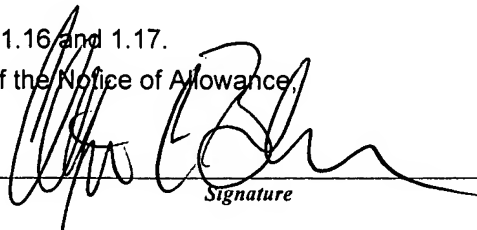
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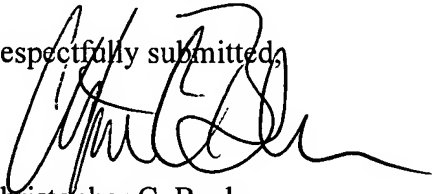
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- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 CFR 1.10 Label No. EV 2270 87 805 US
- ☒ Eight (8) sheets of informal drawings
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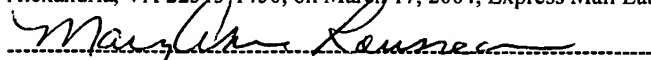
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